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- A. ZOG raised following matters with *E J* and me at interview on November 1st.
- B. Executive Committee as now constituted is not fully representative. It should be broadened. He suggests inclusion of Jen Marko JONI repeat Jen Marko JONI and/or VERLACI repeat VERLACI.
- C. Regarding President of Committee ZOG suggested following:
- (a) Musa YUKA repeat Mus a YUKA, who was Minister of Interior under ZOG
 - (b) Hikmet DELVINA repeat Hikmet DELVINA who was Minister of Justice under ZOG
 - (c) Kemal MESSARI.
- D. He also suggested present Albanian Ministers in Cairo and Istanbul but admitted their health in fact ruled them out. Finally he mentioned Selim DAMAN repeat Selim DAMAN of Korce, who is friend of Abbas KUFI repeat Abbas KUFI.
- E. Names mentioned in paragraph C live in Alexandria and are clearly enemies to ZOG's. Latter admitted first was unpopular (for obvious reasons) and I doubt whether any would be suitable or acceptable to other members of Committee.

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- F. Information obtained discussion ZOG put forward suggestion that best idea was President in rotation repeat rotation on ~~which~~ analogy Arab League. He remarked there was no repeat NO need for vast hurry in matter, because Abbas KUFI would automatically take chair in the meantime as most senior and man of most standing.
- G. Discussing Hassan DOSTI repeat Hassan DOSTI, ZOG described as man of little standing and with no repeat NO following. He emphasized that all names he had suggested for President were non collaborators repeat non collaborators.
- H. ZOG was much opposed nomination another Balli Kombettist repeat Balli Kombettist as President. This would suggest HK ran everything. Compare my paragraph B.
- I. Finally ZOG mentioned that 6 Albanian officers of some standing (some in Syria and some in Istanbul) had been invited by Yugoslav Major General Yoko MIRASOVICH repeat Yoko MIRASOVICH to go Yugoslavia.
- J. He requested our advice on whether they should go or not. We said we must refer but would give an answer within 7 to 10 days.
- K. My comments follow.